**3GPP TSG-RAN WG4 Meeting #94-e R4-20xxxxx**

**Electronic Meeting, Feb.24th – Mar.6th 2020**

**Agenda item:** 8.20.1

**Source:** Moderator (ZTE Corporation)

**Title:** Email discussion summary for RAN4#94e\_#96\_NR\_2step\_RACH\_Demod

**Document for:** Information

# Introduction

*Briefly introduce background, the scope of this email discussion and provide some guidelines for email discussion if necessary.*

This email thread is assigned to discuss BS demodulation for 2-step RACH.

*List of candidate target of email discussion for 1st round and 2nd round*

* 1st round:
  + Collect views and comments on the listed open issues below
  + Discuss way forward based on the collected views.
* 2nd round: TBA

# Topic #1: General aspects on performance requirements for preamble and MsgA demodulation

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| R4-2000314 | Samsung | Proposal 1: No BS demodulation requirements for Rel-16 NR 2-step RACH. |
| R4-2000801 | ZTE | Observation: no additional standardization efforts is needed on 2-step RACH preambles. |
| R4-2001183 | Ericsson | Observation 1: Rel-15 PRACH detection requirements are sufficient for ensuring Rel-16 2 step RACH detection performance.  Observation 2: Rel-15 PUSCH demodulation requirements are sufficient for ensuring rel-16 2 step PRACH demodulation performance.  Proposal 1: Do not define any additional demodulation requirements for 2 step PRACH |
| R4-2001491 | Nokia | Proposal 1: Performance requirements should be specified for MsgA, which includes joint PRACH and PUSCH, before RAR/MAC CE based TA compensation.  Observation 6: 2-step RACH supports all the preamble formats from NR Rel-15.  Proposal 5: Choose subset of Rel-15 PRACH preambles for the requirements.  Proposal 11: Define requirements and tests for PRACH preambles 0, A2, and C2 as in Table 1.  Observation 8: Currently 2-step RACH procedure supports interlaced PUSCH in combination with NR-U.  Observation 9: SIB1 signalling also provides support of new 1151 and 571 long PRACH sequences with the 2-step RACH procedure.  Proposal 7: Assuming the usage of long PRACH sequences is not limited to unlicensed operation by the NR-U WI in the coming meetings, specify NR-U scenario for 2-step RACH performance requirements with interlaced PUSCH and new 1151 and 571 long PRACH sequences.  Observation 11: Typical use cases where 2-step RACH have traffic that comprises small RRC messages of 56 bits, e.g. RRCRequest, RRCReestablishmentRequest, and RRCResumeRequest with short I-RNTI, or 72 bits, e.g. RRCResumeRequest with Long I-RNTI. |

## Open issues summary

*Before e-Meeting, moderators shall summarize list of open issues, candidate options and possible WF (if applicable) based on companies’ contributions.*

### Sub-topic 1-1

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before e-meeting:*

**Issue 1-1: performance requirements on preamble and MsgA for 2-step RACH**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: Separate performance requirements for preamble detection and MsgA demodulation
  + Option 2: MsgA demodulation performance includes joint preamble and payload
* Recommended WF

### Sub-topic 1-2

*Sub-topic description*

*Open issues and candidate options before e-meeting:*

**Issue 1-2: Are additional preamble detection performance requirements needed?**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: Yes
  + Option 2: No, current Rel-15 preamble detection performance requirements are sufficient
* Recommended WF
  + TBA

### Sub-topic 1-3

*Sub-topic description*

*Open issues and candidate options before e-meeting:*

**Issue 1-3: Are additional demodulation performance requirements for MsgA needed?**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: Yes
  + Option 2: No, current Rel-15 PUSCH demodulation performance requirements are sufficient
* Recommended WF
  + TBA

**Issue 1-4: Should interlaced PUSCH design and long preambles be considered ?**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: No, leave to NR-U WID
  + Option 2: Yes, addressed within 2-step RACH WID
* Recommended WF

## Companies views’ collection for 1st round

### Open issues

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson | Sub topic 1-1: The answer to this will depend on what we agree on the need for preamble requirements and PUSCH requirements  Sub topic 1-2: We support option 2; Rel-15 requirements are sufficient as there are no new preambles  Sub topic 1-3: We support option 2; Rel-15 requirements are sufficient. Further explanation/justification is provided in responses to topic 2. Basically, we think that the 2 step RACH is applicable to small cells without significant propagation delay, and the timing is known once the preamble is detected, so there is no new PUSCH demod functionality needed.  Sub-topic 1-4: We support option 1.  ….  Others: |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Sub topic 1-1: Choose option 2. Option 1 is no different than the existing tests for PRACH. Performance of MsgA preamble and payload should be evaluated together.  Sub topic 1-2: Option 2, since same preambles re-used. Would need to be re-discussed in case NR-U preambles are to be considered.  Sub topic 1-3: Option 1, yes, additional demod requirements are needed for MsgA.  Sub topic 1-4: Option 1. The NR-U performance part is not yet finished, so it is up to this WI to do the performance requirements for NR-U features. |

### CRs/TPs comments collection

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## Summary for 1st round

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| **Sub-topic#1** | *Tentative agreements:*  *Candidate options:*  *Recommendations for 2nd round:* |

*Recommendations on WF/LS assignment*

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## Discussion on 2nd round (if applicable)

## Summary on 2nd round (if applicable)

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# Topic #2: Aspects on MsgA demodulation

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| R4-2000314 | Samsung | Proposal 1: No BS demodulation requirements for Rel-16 NR 2-step RACH. |
| R4-2000801 | ZTE | Proposal: RAN4 to take into account Table-1 to specify BS demodulation performance requirements for 2-step RACH single user case. |
| R4-2001183 | Ericsson | Proposal 1: Do not define any additional demodulation requirements for 2 step PRACH |
| R4-2001491 | Nokia | Observation 1: One important aspect of 2-step RACH performance is that PUSCH Msg3 should be decoded before time-alignment compensation feedback.  Observation 2: The MsgB may contain successRAR, fallbackRAR, and backoff indicator. The fallbackRAR response is used, if MsgA PRACH was successfully received, but MsgA PUSCH not. The case of the fallbackRAR is already implicitly tested in the existing 4-step RACH procedures. For that reason, when test procedure is considered, MsgA transmission should be considered successful only if the gNB answers/transmits a successRAR message using MsgB.  Observation 10: Retransmissions of MsgA do not increment the redundancy version number of PUSCH as defined in clause 8.1A of 38.213 [3]. Therefore, the missed detection rate statistics should not be influenced by the choice of the number of retransmissions msgA-TransMax.  Proposal 2: The performance requirement should consider only MsgA transmissions that trigger a successRAR response on MsgB as correctly demodulated.  Proposal 8: Use as evaluation metric the SNR at which the joint PRACH/PUSCH missed detection rate is below 1%. Fallback to 4-step procedure is considered as an error.  Proposal 9: Evaluation metric should consider all the transmissions and retransmissions of MsgA for the calculation of the missed detection rate.  Observation 3: PO slot time allocation is determined based on a time-offset configuration with respect to the RO (msgAPUSCH-timeDomainOffset), which is between 1 to 32 slots [8].  Observation 4: More than one UE may be using the same PUSCH resource, depending on the configured preamble to PRU mapping. A one to one mapping can be possible, if the number of configures PRACH occasions is not larger than the number of configured PUSCH occasions.  Observation 5: The 2-step RACH objectives of the WI [1] include BS demodulation requirements for a PUSCH resource assigned to single UE only.  Proposal 4: Define requirements and test cases where only one PRACH preamble is mapped to one PRU, or N\_pre = N\_pru.  Observation 7: MsgA PUSCH supports MCSs from 38.214 [6] Table 6.1.4.1-1 for DFT-s-OFDM and Table 5.1.3.1-1 for CP-OFDM.  Proposal 6: Focus on CP-OFDM and MCS index IMCS = 2.  Proposal 10: Define requirements and tests for transport block sizes of 56 bits.  Proposal 12:One possible configuration of the 2-step RACH feature, that fulfils our previous observations and proposal, is detailed in Table 2. It can serve as a basis for discussion for simulation alignment. |

## Open issues summary

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### Sub-topic 2-1 handling of TA

*Sub-topic description:*

Although the performance part of 2-step RACH is only for single user case, how to handle TA during demodulating MsgA is one of the key points to discuss.

*Open issues and candidate options before e-meeting:*

**Issue 2-1: Should TA be considered for specifying MsgA demodulation performance requirements?**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: Yes, multiple UEs may contest for the same resources with different TAs
  + Option 2: No, the timing is known after BS detects the preamble
* Recommended WF
  + TBA

### Sub-topic 2-2 DMRS configuration

*Sub-topic description*

All 4 different DMRS configurations are supported for 2-step RACH including *pos1* and *pos2*. The existing Rel-15 PUSCH demodulation performance requirements assume DMRS *pos1*. Since there is contention among UEs in 2-step RACH, the demodulation of MsgA may require more reliable channel estimation. Furthermore, if the additional DMRS configuration is not indicated, the default *pos2* is assumed.

*Open issues and candidate options before e-meeting:*

**Issue 2-2: Whether or not to specify performance requirements for additional DMRS configuration pos2 ?**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: Yes
  + Option 2: No
* Recommended WF
  + TBA

Notes: other parameters related to MsgA demodulation, e.g., MCS, payload information bits, are subject to the outcome of the 1-st round discussion

## Companies views’ collection for 1st round

### Open issues

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson | Sub topic 2-1: We support option 2 (and also propose not to create a requirement… ). The reason for this is that we think that the 2 step RACH only operates in small cells. In large cells, if there would be multiple UEs simultaneously then the PUSCHs would not align in time. Also, even with 1 UE, the PUSCHs would not align in time with any RBs used for regular PUSCH. So orthogonality would be lost, and the options for deployment would be limited. In small cells, there is anyhow no need for TA. With or without TA, the timing of the PUSCH is known once the preamble is detected. So demodulation of the PUSCH does not differ from regular PUSCH demodulation. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Sub topic 2-1: Option 3: Timing offset (TO) error needs to be considered.  Even a single UE did not yet receive a (or ignores the pervious) TA command before sending MsgA. The application of TOE (TO estimation) and TOC (TO compensation) onto the MsgA-PRACH/PUSCH is possibly a new algorithmic capability and needs to be tested.  Sub topic 2-2: Option 2. The small payloads require only few PUSCH symbols in the PO, so more than 2 DM-RS is not an expected use-case. |

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# Topic #3: Test aspects for 2-step RACH performance requirements

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

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| R4-2000314 | Samsung |  |
| R4-2000801 | ZTE |  |
| R4-2001183 | Ericsson |  |
| R4-2001491 | Nokia | Proposal 3: Define test setup with msgAPUSCH-timeDomainOffset = 5, to aligned with previously used default TDD UL-DL patterns.  Observation 12: 2-step RACH is not a mandatory feature.  Proposal 13: 2-step RACH requirements are to be marked as optional.  Proposal 14: 2-step RACH test applicably is to be based on manufacturer declaration. |

## Open issues summary

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The test aspects will be further elaborated subject to the outcome of the 1-st round discussion.

### Sub-topic 1-1 Applicability

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before e-meeting:*

**Issue 3-1: test applicability**

* Proposals
  + Option 1: Vendor declaration based
  + Option 2: …
* Recommended WF
  + TBA

## Companies views’ collection for 1st round

### Open issues

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson | Sub topic 3-1: As discussed above, we do not see the need for requirements, but if any would be introduced they should be optional and vendor declared. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Sub topic 3-1: Option 1, Nokia agrees to introduce manufacturer declarations. 2-step RACH is an optional feature. |

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## Discussion on 2nd round (if applicable)

## Summary on 2nd round (if applicable)

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